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(54) Abstract Title: **Computer housing**

(57) A computer housing comprises an upper housing A which sits on a frame 1. The frame 1 comprises two parallel arms 11, each having at least two protrusions 111. These protrusions support the upper housing, so that it is resistant to deformation when under a load (such as a monitor sitting on top of the housing). This enables the computer housing to retain its electromagnetic shielding efficiency. The protrusions have a generally four sided base with a surface extending obliquely upwards from each side. The four surfaces meet at the top of the protrusion where there is a raised flat surface 1111. The protrusions may be soldered to the frame.

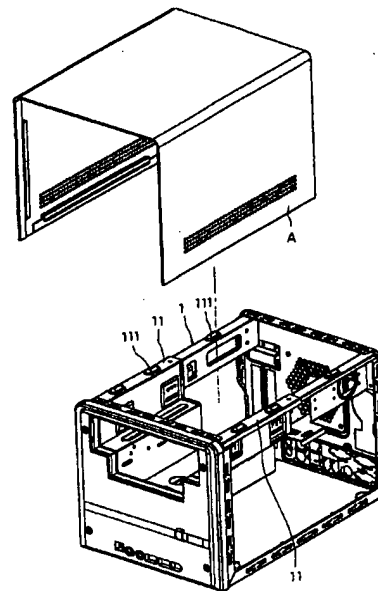


FIG. 1

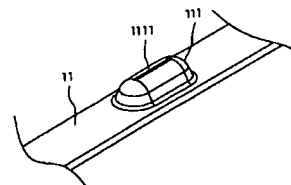


FIG. 2

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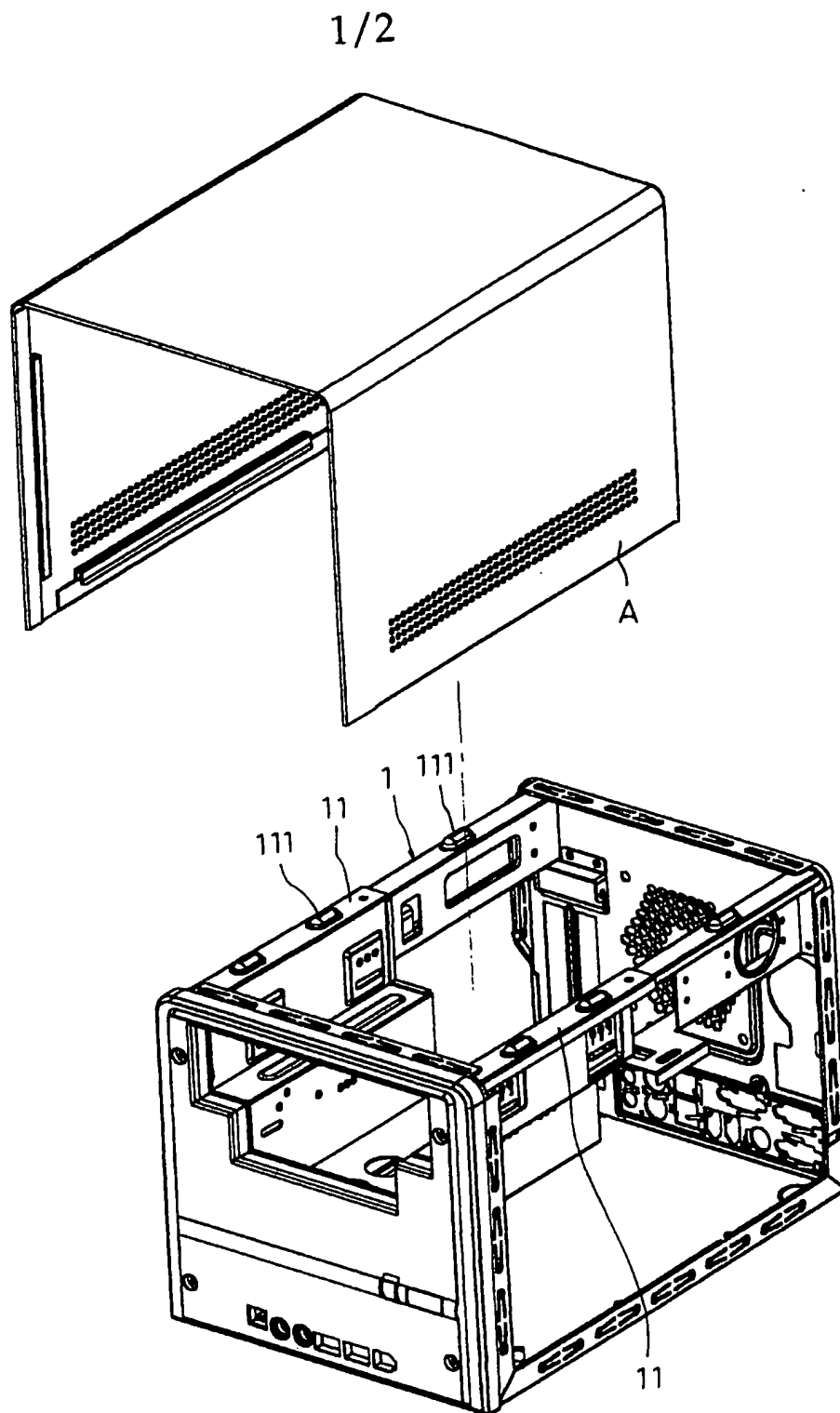


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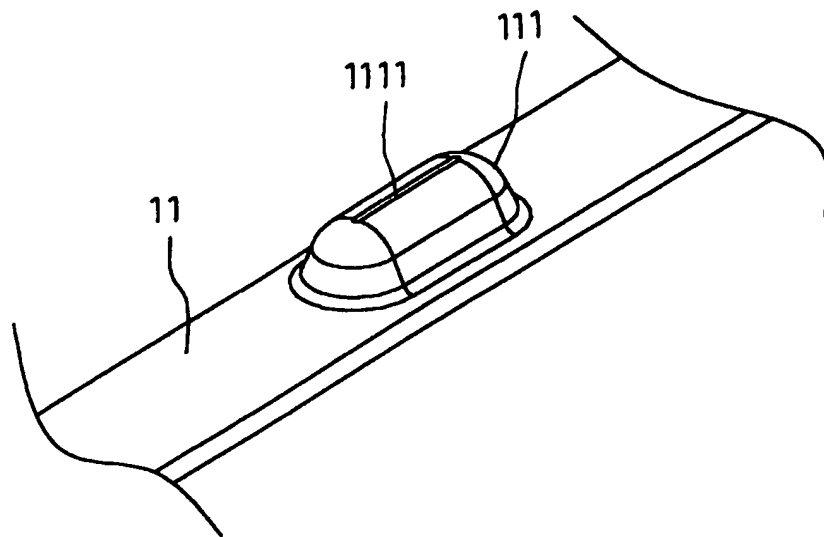


FIG. 2

IMPROVEMENT STRUCTURE OF A COMPUTER FRAME

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to an improvement structure of a computer frame. More particularly, the present invention relates to an improvement structure of a computer frame that has a plurality of protrusions so as to prevent changing shape of the housing and to improve the electromagnetic wave shielding efficiency by the supporting of said protrusions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Generally speaking, the computer host is the spirit of the computer system, which determines the operation and stability of the computer system. Therefore, the design of the computer host is an interesting topic to the computer manufacturer.

However, the design of the computer host with the prior art mainly comprises a frame generally to form an internal space for positioning a plurality of electronic components and other parts therein, and covering a housing with a U-shape section over the frame from up to down so as to shield internally and prevent the electromagnetic wave leaking outwardly.

The design of the computer frame with the prior art is positioned some semicircle spherical protrusions on the top surface of the computer frame and covered with a housing.

The defect of the computer frame designed by the prior art is that the stress of the housing is insufficient because of the material of the housing is aluminum. Therefore, upon covering the housing over the computer frame, the housing is resisted by the semicircle spherical protrusions and changes shape easily, especially, when positioned with a heavy object over the housing, such as a monitor or a

peripheral device; therefore, the housing with changing shape will decrease the electromagnetic wave shielding efficiency.

Therefore, it needs an improvement structure of a computer frame that has a plurality of protrusions so as to prevent changing shape of the housing and to improve the electromagnetic wave shielding efficiency by the supporting of said protrusions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

To solve the above problems, it is an object of the present invention to provide an improvement structure of a computer frame that has a plurality of protrusions so as to prevent changing shape of the housing and to improve the electromagnetic wave shielding efficiency by the supporting of said protrusions.

To accomplish the above object of the present invention, there is provided an improvement structure of a computer frame, wherein two juxtaposed top frames of said computer frame have at least two protrusions respectively, and each said protrusion is a bottom with four surfaces, wherein, each surface extends obliquely upward to the center of said bottom, and forms a flat protruding surface so as to prevent changing shape of the housing and to improve the electromagnetic wave shield efficiency by the supporting of said flat protruding surface.

The novel features of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention will be best understood from the following description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows a three-dimensional diagram of an improvement structure of a computer frame in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 2 shows a three-dimensional diagram of the protrusions of the computer frame in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring to Fig. 1 shows a three-dimensional diagram of an improvement
5 structure of a computer frame in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 1, basically, the improvement structure of a computer frame of the present invention comprises a computer frame 1, which can be covered by a housing A.

Wherein, the top surface of the computer frame 1 has at least two top
10 frames 11 juxtaposed and positioned oppositely, and at least two protrusions 111 positioned over the top frames 11 respectively.

For the purpose of solving the defect of the prior art, please refer to Fig. 2 shows a three-dimensional diagram of the protrusions of the computer frame in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 2, the
15 protrusions 111 are square or rectangle shapes and each surface of the protrusions 111 extends obliquely upward to the center of said bottom, and forms a flat protruding surface 1111 with a square or rectangle shape, and every border of the flat protruding surface 1111 is an arc shape with an inverted angle decoration; the flat protruding surface 1111 is a flat surface and is connected to the top frames 11 by way of
20 soldering or the other ways with prior art.

Referring to Fig. 1 and 2 again, upon covering the housing A over the computer frame 1, the housing A is supposed and resisted by the flat protruding surface 1111 of the protrusions 111 and formed a surface touching, therefore, the computer frame 1 with the present invention can prevent the changing shape defect
25 of the prior art because of single point receiving force.

While the invention has been described with reference to a preferred embodiment thereof, it is to be understood that modifications or variations may be easily made without departing from the spirit of this invention, which is defined by the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improvement structure of a computer frame, wherein two juxtaposed top frames of said computer frame have at least two protrusions respectively, and each said protrusion is a bottom with four surfaces, wherein, each surface extends
5 obliquely upward to the center of said bottom, and forms a flat protruding surface so as to prevent changing shape of the housing and to improve the electromagnetic wave shield efficiency by the supporting of said flat protruding surface.
2. An improvement structure of a computer frame as claimed in claim 1,
10 wherein said protrusions are connected each other on said top frames by way of soldering.
3. An improvement structure of a computer frame as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said protrusions are rectangle shapes and have same direction with said computer frame.
4. An improvement structure of a computer frame as claimed in claim 1,
15 wherein every adjoining surface of said protrusions has an arc decoration.



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